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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the
California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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SUBJECT: Out-of-State Trained Teachers holding National Board
Certification

On August 21, 1998 the Governor signed AB 858 which adds the following language to the Education Code:

§44397. Notwithstanding any provision of law except Sections 44332.6, 44340, 44346.1, and 44830.1, a teacher who is licensed to teach in a state other than California and who is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall be issued a clear teaching credential authorizing the teacher to teach in the subject area in which the teacher has received national certification.

Sections 44332.6, 44340, 4436.1, and 44830.1 pertain to the Division of Professional Practices; therefore candidates qualifying for a credential under AB 858 will be required to meet the statutory requirements for professional fitness. AB 858 exempts applicants from CBEST and all other credential requirements.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization governed by a 63-member board of directors. The chart below displays the 12 areas of national board certification and the equivalent California credential that the out-of-state applicant will receive.

National Board Certification	Equivalent California Certification
Early Childhood (ages 3-8)/Generalist	Multiple Subject
Middle Childhood (ages 7-12)/Generalist	Multiple Subject
Early Adolescence (ages 11-15)/Generalist	Multiple Subject
Early Adolescence (ages 11-15)/English Language Arts	Single Subject English
Early Adolescence (ages 11-15)/Mathematics	Single Subject Mathematics
Early Adolescence (ages 11-15)/Science	Single Subject Science: Biological Sciences Science: Chemistry Science: Geosciences Science: Physics (based upon out-of-state certification)
Early Adolescence (ages 11-15)/Social Studies/History	Single Subject Social Sciences
Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood (ages 11-18+)/Art	Single Subject Art
Adolescence and Young Adulthood (ages 14-18+)/English Language Arts	Single Subject English
Adolescence and Young Adulthood (ages 14-18+)/Mathematics	Single Subject Mathematics
Adolescence and Young Adulthood (ages 14-18+)/Science	Single Subject Science: Biological Sciences Science: Chemistry Science: Geosciences Science: Physics (based upon out-of-state certification)
Adolescence and Young Adulthood (ages 14-18+)/Social Studies/History	Single Subject Social Sciences

Implementation of AB 858

Out-of-state teachers who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and wish to be issued a California Teaching Credential must submit the following to the Commission:

1. a copy of an out-of-state teaching credential;
2. a copy of the National Board Certificate;
3. a completed credential application (41-4);
4. a completed application for character and identification clearance (41-CIC), if not already on file with the Commission;

5. two fingerprint cards or livescan submission, if not already on file with the Commission; and
6. the appropriate fee.

This process will be available to teachers currently teaching in California who attained National Board Certification based on out-of-state teaching experience.

In the case of teachers holding National Board Certification Science the Commission will determine the specific California science authorization based upon the out-of-state credential or college transcripts.

Questions

If you have questions about the implementation of AB 858, you may call the Commission's Information Services Office any workday at (916) 445-7254 or send e-mail to <credentials@ctc.ca.gov>.